

Bible Class Notes – Studies in Matthew – Lesson 133

The Saviour Comes and Begins His Work

This week – The Lord Jesus Christ shows us how to humbly approach God in meaningful prayer.

**The Psalmist wrote,
“Hear my cry , O God;
attend unto my prayer.”** *Psalm 61v1*

Bible Readings for this week:

(Choose a regular time each day to read the Bible and pray whether it be when you first wake up or just before you go to sleep)

Day	Bible Reading	Tick When Read
Sunday	Psalm 61 (O God, Hear my prayer)	
Monday	Matthew 6v1-15 (A pattern prayer for us to follow)	
Tuesday	Luke 11v1-13 (God hears our prayers and answers)	
Wednesday	Matthew 6v16-34 (Lay-up treasure in Heaven)	
Thursday	Psalm 100 (Our approach to Almighty Creator God)	
Friday	Psalm 40 (The Lord is our help and deliverer)	
Saturday	1 Corinthians 10 v1-14 (A way of escape from temptation)	

Important Lesson for us Today. Does God tempt us to sin? **No** - read James 1v12-15.

God is not the author of sin. The Lord Jesus said, (Matthew 15v19), *“For out of the heart (our soul’s desires), proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies.”* We inherit our sinful nature from Adam, and as such fully deserve God’s eternal judgement and wrath. We are born sinners, and must take the responsibility for our sinful disobedience. Satan uses our weakness to tempt us to sin, and we so easily fall into sinful ways. We need the quickening power of The Holy Spirit to change our hearts, and give us faith to repent, and obey. Then we can call upon the Lord in prayer to forgive us our sin, and for help to resist temptation. *‘Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.’ James 4v7.*

Hymn 699 – Based on the pattern prayer of the Lord.

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| <p>1. Our Heavenly Father, hear
The prayer we offer now;
Thy name be hallowed far and near,
To Thee shall all flesh bow.</p> <p>4. From dark temptation’s power,
From Satan’s wiles defend;
Deliver in the evil hour,
And guide us to the end.</p> | <p>3. Our daily bread supply,
While by Thy Word we live;
The guilt of our iniquity
Forgive, as we forgive.</p> <p>5. Thine, then, for ever be
Glory and power divine;
The sceptre, throne and majesty
Of Heaven and earth are Thine.</p> |
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EDT Bible Class Take Home Sheet

The Lord Teaches Us How To Pray.

- **The Lord’s Prayer - a Pattern Prayer** - to show us the principles of prayer.
 - **As sinners we are at war with the Holy God** – Naturally we are His enemies.
 - **In order to be at peace with God we must surrender on His terms.**
We must approach Him – in humble, repentant prayer, seeking His forgiveness.
 - **The Lord Jesus has promised** to be our mediator, to present us to His Father.
- **We Must Approach Our God Using His Pattern Prayer:**
 - **‘Our Father’** – The Eternal, Almighty, All Powerful, Creator, Holy, and Merciful God. Unchanging, always consistent, loving, kind, considerate, and ready to accept us. Our prayer is to God the Father. We can only approach Him in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ, believing in His shed blood and His substitutionary death on Calvary.
 - **‘Which art In Heaven’** – We must **put off** the old ‘uniform’ of our sinful ways and **put on** His ‘robe of righteousness’, so as to enter God’s perfect, and sinless Heaven.
 - **‘Hallowed be Thy name’** – Our attitude must be of respect and reverence to God. As Holy God He looks on the sincerity of our hearts as we approach Him in prayer.
 - **‘Thy kingdom come’** – recognising the goodness of God’s Laws, we know that His rule is righteous and pure. When quickened by the Holy Spirit we have a new heart, gladly obeying the Lord; looking forward to His return on The Day of Judgement.
 - **‘Thy will be done’** – Obediently accepting God’s will and not fighting against it.
 - **‘Give us this day our daily bread’** – Receiving the blessings of His promises. We starve our souls if we do not carefully, and prayerfully, read the Bible every day.

This sheet is given to remind you of the lesson and to encourage you to read your Bible.

- **‘Forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors’** – Our greatest need is the forgiveness of our sin, (which we do not deserve); Our sincerity of repentance is shown when we forgive others, and witness to them of Christ’s death on Calvary.
- **Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil’** – With changed hearts we will hate our sin, and seek to resist temptation, looking to the Lord for His help. We will strive to live faithful lives in obedience to God; witnessing of His salvation.
- **For Thine is the Kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever’** – Once enemies of the Lord, now, as a believer we see Him as our Sovereign Ruler, The King of kings, and Lord of lords; we can now look forward to enjoying His eternal rule in Heaven.

Are we continuing to live rebelliously, refusing to surrender our lives to the Lord? *We have considered the Almighty Sovereignty of the one, true God, our Creator, Who has offered Himself as a Saviour; Who has bled and died under the wrath of God The Father for sinners like us. Is it nothing to you that the Lord, in sacrificial love, should do this for you?*

The Apostle Paul wrote, “I am not ashamed: for I know Whom I have believed, and am persuaded that He is able to keep that which I have committed (in repentant prayer), unto Him against that day (the final Judgement Day).” **2 Timothy 1v12.**